

## 1. Parish: Stratford St. Andrew

**Meaning:** Ford by which Roman Road crossed river

2. **Hundred:** Plomesgate

**Deanery:** Orford (–1914), Saxmundham (1914–)

**Union:** Plomesgate

**RDC/UDC:** (E. Suffolk) Plomesgate R.D. (1894–1934), Blyth R.D. (1934–1974), Suffolk Coastal D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division  
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 800 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

- a. Deep well drained sandy soils, some very acid, risk wind erosion
- b. Slowly permeable, seasonally waterlogged, some calcareous, clay and fine loams over clay soils
- c. Deep fine loam soils with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging, similar fine/coarse loam over clay soils
- d. Some deep peat soils associated with clay over sandy soils, high groundwater levels, risk of flooding by river

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		8 acres meadow, 2 cattle, 15 pigs, 30 sheep, 27 goats, 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood–pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig keeping
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop ad management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, roots, barley, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1975 River Alde forms natural boundary to NE.  
Small compact development around central church.  
Few scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 14, 1801 – 21, 1851 – 44,  
1871 – 45, 1901 – 41, 1951 – 58,  
1981 – 58

**8. Communications:**

Road: To Great Glemham, Farnham and Little Glenham  
Village stands on the main Woodbridge road.  
1891 Carriers pass through to Woodbridge

Rail: 1891 3½ miles Saxmundham station: Saxmundham–  
Aldeburgh line closed for passengers 1966. Spur from  
Saxmundham–Leiston still operational.  
Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859 still operational  
1912 2½ miles Marlesford station: Wickham Market–  
Framlingham line opened 1859, closed for passengers  
1952, closed for goods 1965

Water: River Alde: navigable river to Snape Bridge. 'Alde Estuary' by  
W.G. Arnott (1952)

**9. Population:**

1086 — 24½ recorded  
1327 — 30 taxpayers paid £1. 18s. 10d.  
(includes Glemham Parva)  
1524 — 18 taxpayers paid £1. 16s. 6d.  
1603 — 63 adults  
1674 — 15 households  
1676 — Not recorded  
1801 — 203 inhabitants  
1831 — 200 inhabitants  
1851 — 200 inhabitants  
1871 — 205 inhabitants  
1901 — 179 inhabitants  
1931 — 183 inhabitants  
1951 — 177 inhabitants  
1971 — 131 inhabitants  
1981 — 155 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £4 13s. 4d.  
1291 Valued £5

1535 Valued £5  
 1831 Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £140 p.a. Incumbent also holds rectory of Weston and vicarage of Benhall.  
 1835 Valued £137  
 Good residence built c.1867  
 1891 Incumbent also holds Farnham. 17 acres glebe. Tithe rent of £160 p.a.  
 1912 Nett value £137. 8 acres glebe and residence.

Patrons: The King (1603), The Crown (1831), Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett (1891), Mrs. Johnson (1912)

**11. Church** St. Andrew  
 (Chancel, nave, early vestry. S. porch, W. tower)

Norman Nave  
 14<sup>th</sup> cent. Chancel  
 1643/44 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 6 superstitious pictures  
 1870 Restoration

**Seats:** 163 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1891 Chapel belonging to United Free Methodists in existence

**13. Manorial:**

1066 Manor of 80 acres held by Huna a free man under patronage of Edric  
 1086 Manor of 80 acres belonging to Robert Malet

**Stratford Manor**

No date: Randulph de Glanville gave the manor to Butley Priory (linked to Aldringham, Great Finborough and Leiston)  
 c.1535 Charles Bandon owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)  
 c.1541 Anne of Cleves owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)  
 c.1558 Thomas Glemham owns  
 1830 Hon. Sophia North owns (linked to Tunstall and Little Glemham)  
 1909 Earl of Guildford owns (linked to Tunstall)

**Sub-manors:**

**Griston**

1066	Manor of 1 carucate held by Starling
1086	Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Walter Gifford
13 <sup>th</sup> cent.	William de Kerkdeston owns
15 <sup>th</sup> cent.	John de la Pole owns (linked to Henham, Wickham Skeith and Fressingfield)
c.1541	Anne of Cleves owns (absorbed by main manor)

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1571	Thomas Glemham died seised (absorbed into main manor)
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### **14. Markets/Fairs**

1759	Fair held on June 11 <sup>th</sup> for toys
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### **15. Real property:**

1844	£847 rental value
1891	£1,061 rateable value
1912	£883 rateable value

### **16. Land ownership:**

1844/1891	Land sub-divided
1912	Marchioness of Graham and Earl of Guildford, principal owners

### **17. Resident gentry:**

1891	Rev. E. Hall LLB
1912	Rev. T.E. Pritchett M.A.

### **18. Occupations:**

1550–1699	None recorded
1831	39 in agriculture, 9 in retail trade, 9 in domestic service, 3 others
1844	Butcher, woodman, corn miller, 5 farmers
1912	School mistress, asst. overseer, 7 farmers, cattle dealer

### **19. Education:**

School built (1865) by R. Garrett, 53 attend (1891), average attendance (1912) 59

### **20. Poor relief:**

1776	£53 5s. 9d.
1803	£88. 17s. 9½d.
1818	£508 6s.

1830	£289	12s.
1832	£341	10s.
1834	£241	

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Stud farm belonging to the Duke of Hamilton in existence 1891.

'St. Barbara at Stratford St. Andrew' (refers to inscription on church bell).

East Anglian Miscellany 1927, p.54.